FACT SHEET

EPA Region 7

National Zinc Company
Cherryvale, Kansas **November 2001**

INTRODUCTION

During the month of November, and possibly December 2001, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is removing lead contamination from several properties in Cherryvale, Kansas, Montgomery County. The primary objective of this action is to eliminate or reduce the risk of ingestion exposure due to the presence of lead in the soils.

SITE BACKGROUND

The National Zinc site is a former lead and zinc smelter facility that operated between 1898 and 1976. It is located at the northwestern city limits of Cherryvale, Montgomery County, Kansas, along U.S. Highway 169. Soil, surface water, sediment and groundwater samples were previously taken at the site. During the sampling process, lead was detected in the surface soil.

The site includes the residential properties located along the southern edge of the former National Zinc Company facility. The residences currently identified are located along Front and Martin Streets bounded by Coyle and Catherine Streets on the east and west sides.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Removal of contaminated soils will be completed at each affected residential property. The proposed action will reduce the potential for human exposure to lead through contact with soils, and will reduce the potential for lead transported off site by surface runoff. Monitoring and site control measures will be started to ensure that removal activities do not expose nearby residents and site workers to harmful levels of contaminants. Air monitoring will also be conducted during the removal activities, if necessary, to ensure that airborne dusts do not contain harmful levels of lead. No visible dust will be allowed to leave the removal areas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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